

Kyoto 2016 - Amazing experience and lifetime friendships!

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October 1-2, 2016 Jikiden Reiki Congress, Kyoto Japan. Actually, I am in Japan! Wow, I am here, and I cannot believe it.

Something always attracted me to the Japanese culture since I was a child. During my childhood I watched this tv series called Shogun very religiously, and then read the book written by James Clavell, and I was fascinated. I couldn't put it down until I reached the last page of the two volumes, 2" thick each. I was fascinated by the culture, the people, the dedication to everything they do, and of course the Samurai. Who's not impressed by a Samurai? Are you kidding me? Unfortunately I didn't see any Samurai on this trip, maybe next time!

And in 2016 I was really in Japan attending the 2nd Jikiden Reiki Congress. Certainly an amazing experience! Being in that Congress hall with so many like-minded people, with such a great energy made it all worth it. Additionally, the new friendships created during this time I really believe could last a lifetime. All the trips, time spent together, stories shared at the dinner table while drinking a glass of Kirin stout, wine, or sake, have created a bond and a connection that normally takes years to form when you met someone for the first time. After three years I still keep in touch with a few of my fellow Jikiden Reiki friends I met and befriended in Kyoto, even though in some cases we only exchange a few words or images over the social media platforms we are connected with.

During the two days of Congress in Kyoto, there was a lot of new interesting information related to Jikiden Reiki, the Japanese culture and history of Jikiden Reiki presented by various speakers and Jikiden Reiki practitioners from around the world. Similarly, in Vancouver at the 2019 North American Jikiden Reiki Congress, there will be an exclusive opportunity to meet great speakers from around the world that were close to Chiyoko Sensei. And these kinder people will open their hearts, unlock memories, and share unique stories with us that have never been disclosed before, in their effort to make us all feel closer to Chiyoko's spirit.

The people, the places I visited, the little adventures I had on my own or with a couple of my new Jikiden Reiki friends, especially when the three of us missed the tour bus during one of the optional trips before the Congress - but that's a story for another

time, are still vivid in my mind and heart. The laughter, the late evenings and nights spent in the city, trying to discover as much as possible and engrave in our memories as much as we can, the long-lasting friendships, all of this, cannot be described in words and must be lived to believe it.

But, all these beautiful moments couldn't have been possible without my decision to attend the 2nd Jikiden Reiki World Congress. It was then, when I started creating and set the intention for all of this to happen - the moment when I decided to attend the 2nd Jikiden Reiki Congress in Kyoto.

Please join us at the 2019 North American Jikiden Reiki Congress in Vancouver! You will not regret it!

With gratitude,
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